

The Massachusetts Anti-Idling Law

**Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 90, Section 16A,
310 Code of Massachusetts Regulation (CMR), Section 7.11 and
MGL, Chapter 111, Sections 142A – 142M**

MGL, Chapter 90, 16A and 310 CMR, 7.11:

“No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the unnecessary operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a foreseeable period of time in excess of five minutes. 310 CMR 7.11 shall not apply to:

- Vehicles being serviced, provided that operation of the engine is essential to the proper repair thereof, or
- Vehicles engaged in the delivery or acceptance of goods, wares, or merchandise for which engine assisted power is necessary and substitute alternate means cannot be made available or,
- Vehicles engaged in an operation for which the engine power is necessary for an associated power need other than movement and substitute alternate power means cannot be made available provided that such operation does not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution.”

Note: the regulation applies to all motor vehicles.

Penalties

- Penalties can range from \$100(MGL Chapter 90, Section 16A) to as much as \$25,000 (MGL Chapter 111, Section 142A);
- Drivers and/or companies can be held responsible for paying the fine;
- Local police have the authority to enforce the law, as do health officials or other officials who hold enforcement authority.